



MINUTES

MS54 General Meeting

February 11, 2020 @ 7:00 pm, Auditorium

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CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS & MINUTES:

- Reviewed and approved January minutes

PRESIDENTS' REPORT:

- **Uptown Jazz Update** –
Revenue: Through the last week, we have sold 139 tickets (\$14,200) and have just over \$20K in donated items.
Expense: Trending \$2,000 over the \$26,650 budget submitted in October due to the expectation that we will need to hire data entry support & mobile bidding. We expect final costs within the \$30,000 allocated by the PTA.
Catering: Anne Pejovich identified Melba's restaurant on 112th Street. We are finalizing deal terms.
Décor: Lisa Barry has taken the lead on layout and design. Final decisions will be made during the next two weeks.
Performance: Student jazz band, Mr. Fagen playlist, Jerome slide show, DJ Greg
Volunteers: Sign-up Genius will be posted in coming weeks. We hope each Exec Board member will take a shift.
Event:
 - Live Auction – there are very few items that require a live auction so we decided not to hire the auctioneer.
 - Chance Auction – raffle rather than competitive bid for teacher playdates, elected rep lunches, etc.
 - Guess the Ingredients in the Punch – purchase chances to guess the ingredients in Mark Diller's special punch
 - 50/50 Auction – traditional event
 - Giving Tree – designed by Stacey Katz; teacher, admin and staff requests on display across from check-in deskNB: We continue to promote Community Ticket offer with no response.
- **Presidents' Council Update** – D3 PC Equity Committee questionnaire re school equity teams being distributed in order to review status and needs; February 25 6pm State Testing Seminar at JOA, 154 W. 93rd Street; February 29 2pm Spelling Bee at PS 185, 20 W. 112th Street
- **108th Street Construction Update** - The contractor continues to build on schedule and the full height should be realized this spring with interiors finished in time for the first residents to move in by October 2020. We will invite Westside Federation for Supportive and Senior Housing to come to a PTA meeting this spring in order to share details and answer questions from our community. *We need to identify a member of the community that can attend the Construction Advisory Group meetings as Chris and Jerome are graduating out in June.* The regular monthly Construction Advisory Group meeting is the morning of February 11. There may be additional updates to be shared with the Exec Board and general PTA that come out of that meeting.
- **Field Closure** – field to be closed for renovations late March through September; trying to both speed this up, and find alternative outdoor recess options including street closure
- **Safety Update** – one of security guards is retiring in June

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- We're halfway through the year; promotion-in-doubt notices have been sent out to affected families; No One Eats Alone, a student-led initiative took place during 6th and 7th-grade lunch on Feb. 11th

TREASURERS' REPORT:

- Budget Update: on track with income \$349,891.49, expenses \$480,244.16, net operating income -\$130,352.67; cash on hand \$737,259.57

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Fundraising – May 16 NYC FC game \$25; keeping an eye on Fairway contributions; getting results soon from Papa John's pilot fundraiser
- Communications – if have MS54-related photos, please send them in and/or post to MS54 Facebook group page
- Wellness – Wellness Day March 13, looking to fill 4 more speaking slots to talk to kids;
- Equity Team Update – sent out resources for Black History Month, which are also on the website; there will be a BHM performance for kids 2/28 (open rehearsal for parents 2/27)

NOW: RESOURCE FAIR IS ACROSS THE HALL IN THE GYM

NEXT GENERAL PTA MEETING: Tuesday, March 10 @ 8am